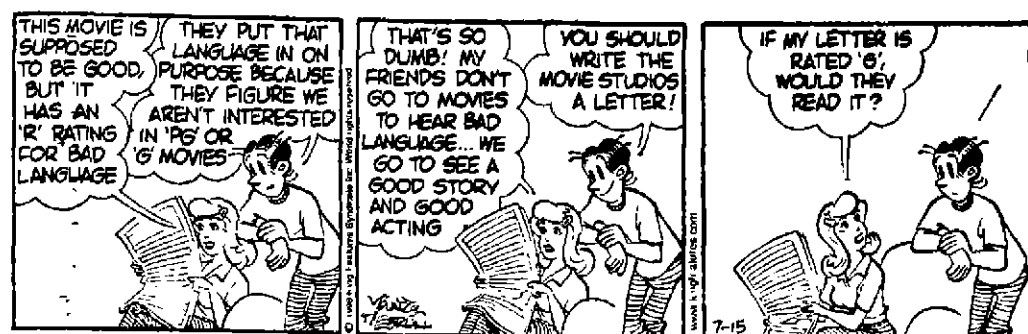


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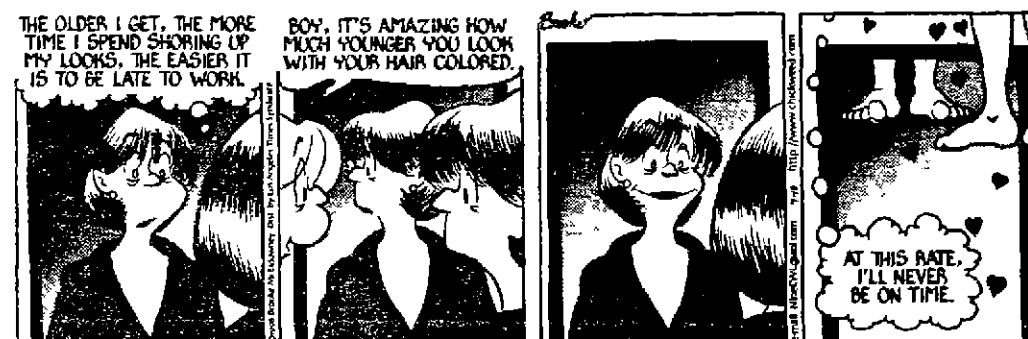
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## THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



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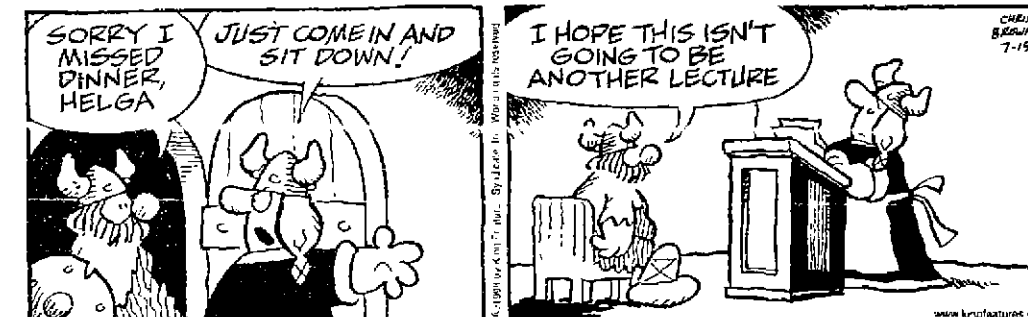
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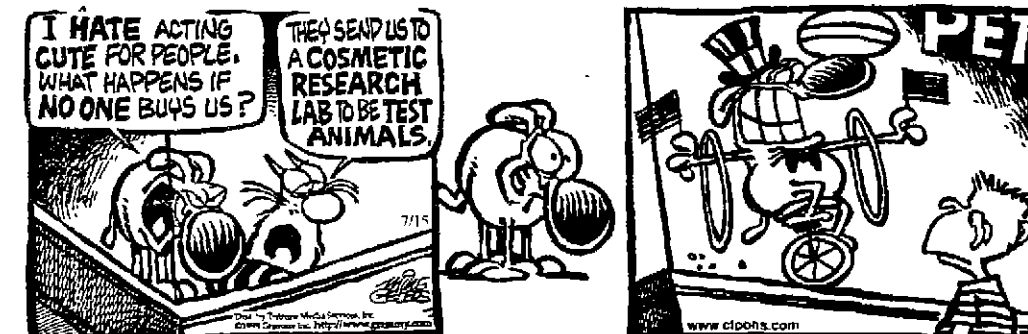
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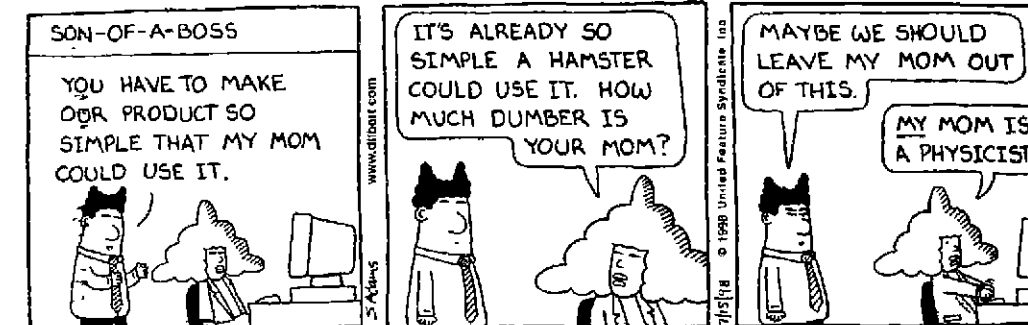
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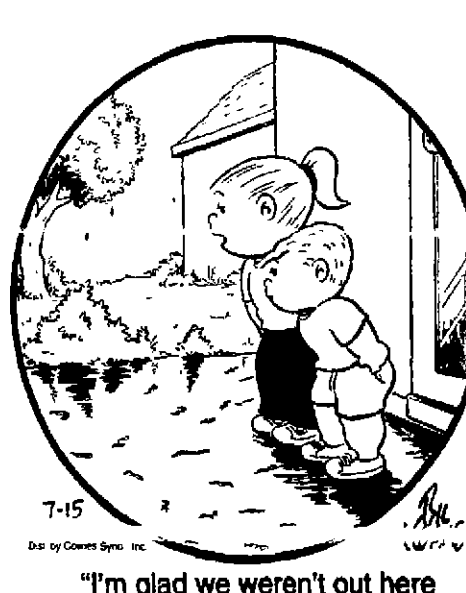
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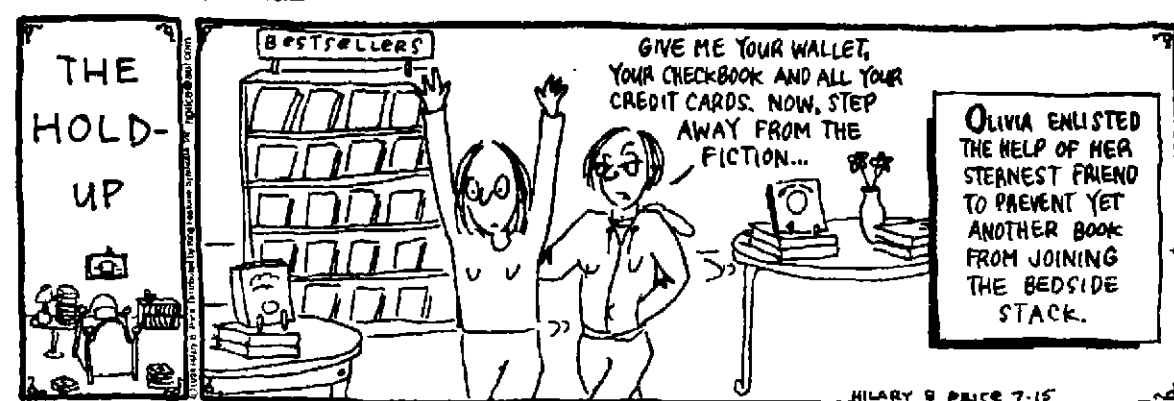
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## FAMILY CIRCUS



## RHYMES WITH ORANGE



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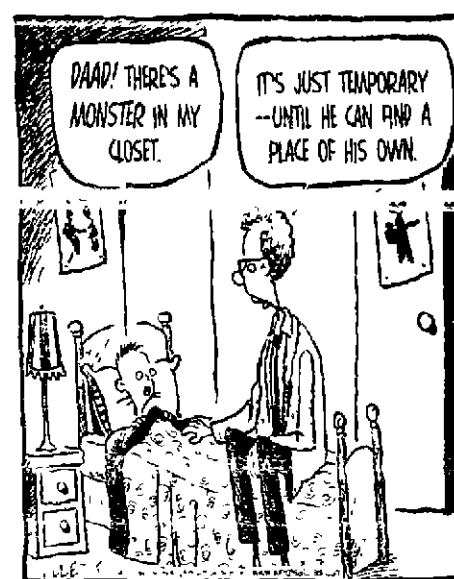


## Today's Birthdays

Actor Philip Carey is 73. Actor Alex Karras is 63. Actor Patrick Wayne is 59. Actor Jan-Michael Vincent is 54.

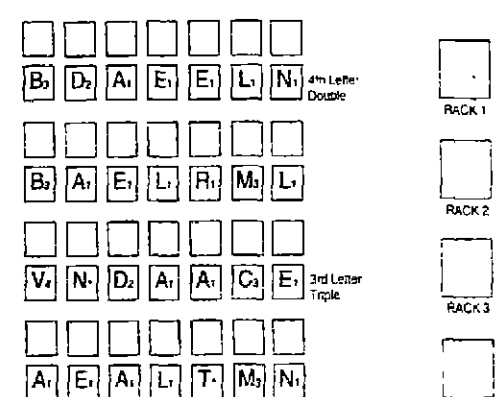
54. Rhythm-and-blues singer Millie Jackson is 54. Rock singer-musician Peter Lewis (Moby Grape) is 53. Singer Linda Ronstadt is 52. Rock musician Joe Satriani is 42. Model Kim Alexis is 38. Actor Willie Aames is 38. Actor-director Forest Whitaker is 37. Actor-comedian Eddie Griffin ('Malcolm and Eddie') is 30.

## I NEED HELP



The son of Frankenstein.

## SCRABBLE



PAR SCORE 95-105

by JUDD

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in the Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Holt-Rinehart) and OGSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). Judd's SOLUTION TOMORROW 7-15-98 © 1998 United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

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## WORD SLEUTH

## Cooks &amp; servers



Tuesday's unlisted clue: LIRA

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions: forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Wednesday's unlisted clue hint: WAITER AT A DRIVE-IN

Baker Chef Innkeeper Sommelier  
Barkeeper Chef Maitre d' Steward  
Barnard Cook Server Waiter  
Busboy Host Soda jerk

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## HOROSCOPE

For Thursday, July 16, 1998

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) You are able to achieve a lot, so grab that proverbial bull by the horns. Make the most of the golden opportunity that arises.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) There is no question that you would like what you see, if only you would take the time to look.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) A tedious project goes much faster with the help of many hands. Group discussions uncover new possibilities.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Don't go looking for trouble. Lie low if it looks as if your boss is feeling stressed and irritable.

**LEO** (July 23 to Aug. 22) If problems should arise on the romantic front, bear in mind that you deserve the best.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You might be feeling too self-absorbed to deal with other people's problems. It is a time for cleansing and renewal.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You find yourself swinging between extremes. You need to be brought back down to earth.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Remember that the whole is the sum total of all its parts. Be grateful, and gracious, for small favors, and be sure to show your appreciation.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You might shock yourself, along with others, at your actions. Don't worry, it's all in the name of fun.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) It's an excellent time for closing a deal or making the sales pitch on a potential one.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Quality time spent with friends makes all the difference to your mood. Suddenly the world looks like a brighter place.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19 to March 20) Someone could try to take advantage of your generous nature. Keep a close eye on your wallet.

## ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

Today's East grasped at a sure way to cinch three defensive winners. If he could find West with two more, South's no-trump game would fail. Did the bidding and dummy's holding offer any hope for West to produce two winners? South played a low heart from dummy, and East hungrily grabbed his queen. Quickly, he returned a low heart to knock out dummy's ace. This shortsighted defense ensured a total of three winners for East. In return, East made it easy for South to make his game. After winning dummy's heart ace, South led diamonds, making his game when East had only one entry in diamonds. (West had no heart to lead when he won his king.) It was reasonable for East to hope for a quick trick from West. It was pure folly to hope for two. To beat the game, East should play a patient heart nine when South ducks the opening lead in dummy. This encourages a continuation and retains control of the hand if West can win and lead a second heart. After East allows South to win the first trick and South leads a low diamond, West hops up to lead his last heart. This goes to dummy's ace, but East is now in control. His suit is established while he still holds the diamond ace, and South wins only eight tricks instead of nine. When one must hope for something good from partner, it is well not to hope for more than he can hold.

**NORTH** ♠ A K 9  
♥ A 7  
♦ Q 10 9 8 6  
♣ K Q 7

**WEST** ♠ 7 6 5 3  
♥ 6 2  
♦ K 4 2  
♣ 8 4 3 2

**EAST** ♠ 8 4 2  
♥ K Q 9 5 4  
♦ A 3  
♣ J 10 5

**SOUTH** ♠ Q J 10  
♥ J 10 8 3  
♦ J 7 5  
♣ A 10 6

Vulnerable: North-South

Dealer: North

The bidding

North East South West

1 ♠ 1 ♥ 1 NT Pass

3 NT Pass Pass

Opening lead: Heart six

## N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

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## ACROSS

- 1 Be wide open
- 5 Square fare?
- 9 Common alias
- 14 Port of "The Plague"
- 15 Tickle Me doll
- 16 Capital west of Happong
- 17 Like jokers, often
- 18 Steal a pass?
- 20 Formidable foe
- 22 Newcastle's river
- 23 Atty.-to-be exams
- 24 Lifesaving equipment
- 25 Popular cooking spray
- 28 Word said with a wave of the hand
- 30 Fabulous fur
- 32 Paving stuff
- 34 Unruly crowd
- 36 Swenson of "Benson"
- 37 For the birds?
- 39 Tabard Inn order
- 40 Understood
- 41 Big name in electronics
- 42 Beethoven's Third
- 44 "Get your hands off me!"
- 45 A wink or a nod, say
- 47 Pre-exercise exercise
- 49 Baseball's Krane and others
- 50 Spare, e.g.

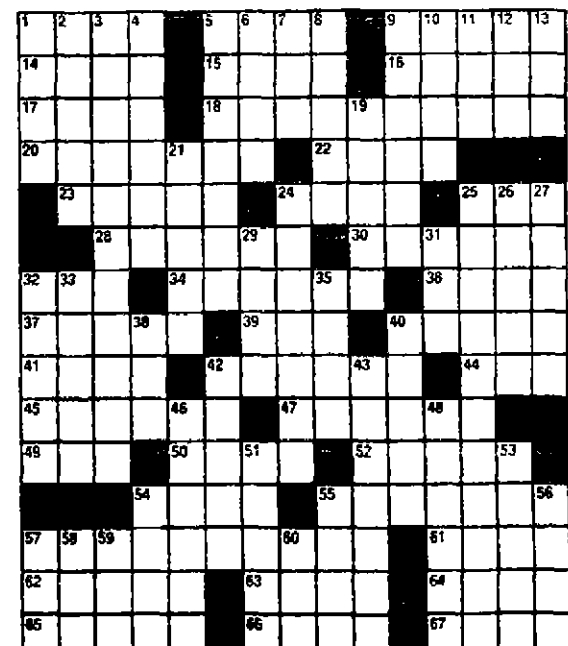
## DOWN

- 52 Bobbing object
- 54 "Scram!"
- 55 Trap setters
- 57 Steal a novel?
- 61 "Camera"
- 62 Land of the Rising Sun
- 63 Philharmonic part
- 64 For men only
- 65 Sports data
- 66 Take care of
- 67 To be, in old Rome
- 1 Dress for a ball
- 2 The Little Mermaid
- 3 Steal coils?
- 4 Make lovable
- 5 TV actress Gilbert
- 6 Yalies
- 7 Gowing aiey initials
- 8 Game of chance
- 9 Fistfight result
- 10 Nutmeg-based spice
- 11 Old well's contents
- 12 Corn site
- 13 Smash
- 19 Melville tale
- 21 Racer
- 22 Steal from singer Nick?
- 23 Steal draperies?
- 24 1973 Rolling Stones #1 song

## ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

DECAF ADLIB LUV  
ELISE DIANA ASA  
LOOSELIPPED MEY  
LAOS LEEDS  
FASTENERS CRUMB  
ENTIRE ELECTRON  
LYRES PLUNK ACE  
LOOS FILLED MITT  
ANN PINES SENAT  
SEGMENTS SERENE

VERSE PART  
CAM TIGHTFISTED  
ATE ATREE ORONO  
BAD STOWS NONET



Puzzle by Karen Hodge

- 27 Substantial
- 29 Transportation on the slopes
- 31 Actress Farrow
- 32 Café cup
- 33 Skirt
- 36 "Star Wars" princess
- 39 Writer Rand
- 40 Buccaneers' bay
- 42 A Looking Egg" poet
- 43 Turned the handle
- 44 Parthenon's city
- 48 Revolt
- 51 "Lost in Space" figure
- 53 Bombeck and others
- 54 Card game played with sevens through aces
- 55 In a bit
- 56 Wise one
- 57 Bedwear, briefly
- 58 Horse's morsel
- 59 Tax preparer, for short
- 60 Medal bestowed by Eliz. II

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